

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 14-17 were allowed, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10 and 12 were rejected and claims 3-5, 8, 9, 11 and 13 were objected to. Claims 18-32 were withdrawn from consideration. With this Amendment, claims 9, 13 and 18-32 are cancelled, claims 1 and 10 are amended and new claims 33-40 are added. The application now includes claim 1-8, 10-12, 14-17 and 32-40.

Independent claim 1 has been amended with the subject matter of claim 9, which was indicated to have patentable subject matter. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Independent claim 10 has been amended with the contents of claim 13 which was indicated in the Office Action as having patentable subject matter. Claim 13 has been cancelled.

New claim 33 includes the subject matter of claim 1 combined with the subject matter of claim 3. Claim 3 was indicated in the Office Action to have patentable subject matter. Claim 34 includes the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 35 includes the subject matter of claim 5, both depending from claim 33. Since the subject matter of claims 3, 4 and 5 were indicated as being patentable along with the elements of claim 1 in the Office Action, it is believed that new claims 33-35 are also allowable.

New claim 36 includes the subject matter of claim 1 along with the subject matter of claim 8, which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action. Claims 37 and 38 include the subject matter of claim 6 and 7. It is believed that new claims 36-38 are allowable since the Office Action indicated that the subject matter of claim 8 when combined with claim 1 would be allowable.

New claim 39 includes the subject matter of claim 10 with the subject matter of claim 11 which was indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Claim 40 includes the subject matter of old claim 12 and depends from claim 39. Claims 39 and 40 are also believed to be allowable due to the indication of allowable subject matter upon the combination of claims 10 and 11.


In view of the above, it is believed that all of the claims in the application are now allowable, and allowance is respectfully requested. Any rejected claims in the last Office Action

are requested to be reconsidered, and those claims allowed due to the amendments explained above.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By:   
Z. Peter Sawicki, Reg. No. 30,214  
Suite 1400 - International Centre  
900 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319  
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312

ZPS:cnm